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# FOREIGN NEWS ON CITRUS FRUIT

## THE SICILIAN LEMON CROP

Revised estimates indicate that the new Sicilian lemon crop may be about one-fourth less than that of last year, according to a report from Consul Edw. I. Nathan at Palermo, received in the Department of Agriculture. The crop in the Palermo district is expected to be better than that in other parts of Sicily, as a result of heavy rains in April and May. The size and quality of the fruit are expected to be normal, unless heavy rains should occur during September.

It is stated that 500,000 boxes of last year's lemons could be made available for export by September 1. This will be done only if there is a good demand, as otherwise the lemons will be used for the manufacture of citric acid. It is also stated, according to Consul Nathan, that not more than 700,000 to 800,000 boxes of lemons, all of the Verdelli or green variety, will be available for export in October. The white variety becomes available in November, although Verdellis continue to be produced. It has not been possible to determine the quantity of lemons that will be available for export after October, but it is believed to be much larger than the quantity estimated for October. The price of lemons at Palermo early in August was 65 lire ($2.38) per box f.o.b.

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